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For: **RF Active Compositions for Use in
Adhesion, Bonding and Coating**

Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: *To be assigned*

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

English language abstracts (Document AT1 and AR2) are included for Documents AN1 and AO1, respectively, which are in a foreign language. An English language translation (Document AS2) is included for Document AM1, which is in the French language. What is believed to be the corresponding U.S. Patent equivalent of Patent No. DE 1745464 is also submitted as Document AK1, U.S. Patent No. 3,502,602. What is believed to be the corresponding U.S. Patent equivalent of Patent No. FR 2248311 is also submitted as Document AA3, U.S. Patent No. 3,936,412.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/482,553, filed January 13, 2000, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner's attention is also directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/867,983, filed May 31, 2001, which is a divisional application of 09/482,553. Divisional application 09/867,983 has the same specification as 09/482,553. However, a preliminary amendment for 09/867,983 directs a change in inventorship, cancellation of claims 1-106 and 148-156, changes to claims 107 and 139, and addition of claim 161. A copy of the specification for these applications is submitted herewith as document AT7. A copy of the preliminary amendment filed in divisional application 09/867,983 is also submitted herewith as document AR8. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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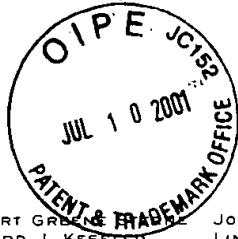
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (14 sheets citing 184 documents);
3. Document numbers AA1-AP1, AA2-AP2, AA3-AL3, AA4-AK4, AA5-AK5, AA6-AK6, AA7-AK7, AA8-AK8, AA9-AK9, AA10-AK10, AA11-AK11, AA12-AK12, AA13-AK13, AA14-AH14, AR1-AR8, AS1-AS7, and AT1-AT7; and
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